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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of April 8, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, and the embodiment corresponding to Figure 3C. Applicants do not traverse the separation of several inventions embodied by the present claims. However, Applicants note that at least claims 1 and 34 are generic to the embodiments of at least Figures 1, 2, 3c and 3d. The structure embodied in Figures 5 and 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 is the "inner elongated and hollow shaft" of claims 1 and 34. The claims corresponding to the elected species are, therefore, 1-3, 5-17, 34-38, and 40-45.

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